of adverse possessions and enclaves. The Government of India and Bangladesh have set up Joint Boundary Working Groups to address the demarcation of the 6.5 kms. stretch of the boundary as well as the exchange of adverse possessions and enclaves. The Government of India is committed to an early settlement of all boundary related issues with Bangladesh.

Difficulties in availing passports under Tatkal Scheme

952. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Tatkal Passport only if you pull right strings" which appeared in 'The Statesman' dated 1st July, 2002; highlighting practical difficulties in availing of the "Tatkal" Scheme:

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken, if any, to rationalise the scheme to fulfil its original objective to help the genuine people who need passports in a hurry and are willing to pay more?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, normally Passport are issued on receipt of a clear Police Verificaton Report which *inter-alia* establishes the applicant's nationality and character. Recognising the needs of some applicants for out of turn passports, the Tatkal scheme was introduced by the Government for issue of out of turn passports in cases of genuine urgency on postpolice verification basis. Since in these cases passports are issued before receipt of a clear police report, it was decided that the applicants would need to produce a verification certificate issued by an officer of the Government of India who in effect certifies the applicant's Nationality and antecedents. This is primarily to ensure that criminals and other undesirable elements do not misuse the scheme to obtain passports.

Misuse of DTAA by OCBs

953. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to review Double Tax Avoidance